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Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. ⁴⁴ For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵ So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast. ⁴⁶ So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine.

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And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

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- Jesus had been in Galilee and returned to Cana
- The father searched Jesus because of his son's sickness
- What do you do when one of your children is in need?

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- Power, titles are inadequate
- The father invited Jesus to his house
- The father did not know some things about Jesus

A Noble Father believed what Jesus said

*Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man **believed** the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!” (John 4:50)*

A Noble Father **believed** what Jesus said

- *Go your way; your son lives*
- Each step toward Capernaum was a step of faith
- A father's faith was rewarded

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*And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "**Your son lives!**" ⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."*

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- A father's faith was rewarded

So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. ⁵⁴ This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee. (John 4:51-53)

A Noble Father believed what Jesus said

- A father's faith was rewarded
 - * His son was healed
 - * The trip to get to Jesus was worth the effort
 - * His whole family believed, insuring them eternal life
- Coming to Jesus is the noblest thing a father can do

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Ephesians 6:4

*“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the **training** and **admonition** of the Lord. ” (NKJV)*

Prayer

- Dear Jesus Christ, I pray to be a noble father, in finding You, in understanding my limitation, and in trusting in Your words, in Jesus' name, Amen!